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## OHIO SLAVIC CALENDAR

- January 19, 1978  WBNS Television (Channel 10) 6:25 AM  
"Lager" Druzhba"
- January 21, 1978 -WOSU Radio Series (12 noon) 8.20 AM  
Ivan Ribnikar, University of Ljubljana,  
Yugoslavia and Thomas Wolf, Ohio State University  
"The Unique Yugoslav Economy"
- January 26, 1978  "Perspectives on Romania"--Panel and  
Discussion at Ohio State (1356)
- January 28, 1978 -WOSU Radio Series (12 noon) 8.20 AM  
Goldie Shabad and E. Garrison Walters, Ohio  
State University  
"Consumer Revolt in Eastern Europe"
- January 31, 1978  Helmut Sonnenfeldt Lecture at Ohio State (1355)  
"Soviet Military Doctrine"
- February 4, 1978 -WOSU Radio Series (12 noon) 8.20 AM  
Hongor Oulanoff, Ohio State University  
"Contemporary Soviet Literature"

## HELMUT SONNENFELDT LECTURE AT OHIO STATE

(1355) Helmut Sonnenfeldt, former counselor to the Department of State and assistant to Henry Kissinger (presently with the Center of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University), will lecture on "Soviet Military Doctrine" on Tuesday, January 31, 1978. The lecture will take place in Room 136, Rightmire Hall (Ohio State University's West Campus) at 7:30 PM and is open to the public.

## ACTIVITIES OF OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY'S ROMANIAN CLUB

- (1356) *January 26*      Perspectives on Romania. Panel and Discussion.  
Panelists: Dr. Ted Suie and Dr. John Negulescu  
of the OSU Medical School, American Exchange  
Professors in Romania. Judy Ahlbeck and Tom  
Evascu, American Exchange Students in Romania.
- February 11*      Sezatoarea. A party styled in the Romanian  
tradition. Hosted by Mr. and Mrs. George Botoman,  
3623 Clearview, Columbus, Ohio. Saturday 2-6:00 PM.
- February 23*      Cooking Workshop. Romanian foods to be prepared  
and eaten.
- March 9*      Professor Julie Donat: A trip to Romania and  
Bucharest, after the earthquake.
- April 20*      Romanian Folk Dance Workshop. Learn traditional  
dances with the Haiducii and their instructors.
- May 11*      An Evening with Mother Alexandra (Princess Ileana).  
Mother Alexandra has graciously consented to visit  
and speak with us this Easter season.
- May 20*      Annual Picnic. Saturday, time and location to be  
announced.

Except as noted, all activities will take place at: United Christian Center, 66 East 15th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio; Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 PM. For further information contact Mrs. Rodica Botoman at 457-7314 or Leesa Husar at 299-8586.

## INTRA-AMERICAN TRAVEL SUBSIDIES FOR EUROPEAN SCHOLARS

1977/78

(1357) The *Council for European Studies* announces a travel subsidy of up to \$200.00 for European scholars invited for brief visits or lectures at member institutions. Departments should indicate a willingness to contribute to these expenses, and should suggest how this person will enhance current courses or programs.

Letters of application (including resumes) should be forwarded to: Dr. Marion A. Kaplan, *Council for European Studies*, 1429 International Affairs Building, Columbia University, 420 West 118th Street, New York, New York 10027.

## PUBLICATION ON U.S.-U.S.S.R. TRADE

(1358) "*U.S.-U.S.S.R. Trade and the Whipsaw Controversy*"--a discussion of negotiating tactics of the U.S.S.R.'s purchasing agents, published in August 1977, is available free of charge from: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of East-West Trade, Washington, D.C. 20230.

## FELLOWSHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED

(1359) The Institute for the Study of World Politics will award 20-25 fellowships for the 78-79 academic year to scholars examining political, economic, and social issues that affect prospects for international peace and justice. The range of pertinent topics is broad, but includes the general categories: 1) nuclear arms limitation; 2) improvement of levels of health, nutrition, education, economic security, and social welfare within developing countries, and establishment of better relationships between developed and developing countries; 3) development of systems for more equitable resources distribution and management; and 4) definition and recognition of fundamental human rights, and development of international mechanisms and procedures for protection of such rights. Fellowships are available to dissertation-level and postdoctoral scholars affiliated with U.S. universities; fellows need not be U.S. citizens, however. Terms of the fellowships range from 3 to 9 months, and stipends vary. No age limits are set, but preference is generally given to younger applicants. A special group of awards, the Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowships, are also available. The fellowships are for scholars pursuing teaching careers in American colleges and universities, and are aimed at improving the teaching of international issues in institutions of higher education. Deadline for both types of fellowship is 2/1/78. (Source: OSURF News, January 3, 1978)

## LINGUISTIC AND LITERARY STUDIES IN EASTERN EUROPE

(1360) Manuscripts are being solicited for this new scholarly series. The emphasis will be on recent developments in linguistic and literary research in Eastern Europe; however, studies in the history of linguistic or literary scholarship will also be considered. The languages of publication are English, German, and French. Manuscripts should be sent to John Odmark, General Editor, Zentrales Fremdspracheninstitut, Universität, Hamburg, D-2000 Hamburg 13, Von-Melle-Park 5, West Germany. (Source: PMLA, January, 1978)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE RUSSIAN PACKET

(1361) The Russian Packet, headed by Zita Dabars and Claire Walker, is distributing the new accented maps of the Soviet Union.

It is also distributing the AATSEEL High School Day papers from New York, December 1976, at 40¢ each to cover the cost of handling. Copies are supplied by SLAVA, and the present quantity is limited.

For further information or placement of orders, contact: Claire Walker, The Friends School, 5114 N. Charles, Baltimore, Maryland 21210.

## POLISH COLORING BOOK

(1362) Catherine Macaro, a Michigan woman of Polish descent, has compiled a Polish coloring book. Originally intended to introduce children to Polish culture, it is now being used by some Michigan schools as well as one in Milwaukee. The book has 61 pages of illustrations for children to color, three more of footnotes and a brief bibliography for study and research. The book priced at \$1.50, is moving briskly at the Center for Polish Studies and Culture at St. Mary's College in the Detroit suburb of Orchard Lake. (Abstracted from the New York Times, Sunday, November 27, 1977).

## AN END TO THE DECLINE IN LANGUAGE STUDY?

(1363) Early data on number of students taking foreign languages in four-year colleges show drop since 1974 is under 1 pct. (Taken from The Chronicle of Higher Education, December 12, 1977, Volume XV, Number 15.)

### NEW YORK

A decade-long decline in the number of students studying foreign languages may be ending, according to preliminary data gathered by the Modern Language Association.

This fall's foreign-language enrollments at four-year colleges and universities, according to the data, will be only about half of 1 per cent less than enrollments in the fall of 1974, the last time a national survey was made.

Previous M.L.A. surveys indicated that foreign-language enrollments in all institutions had fallen by 9 per cent from 1970 to 1972 and by 6.2 per cent from 1972 to 1974.

The preliminary data do not give all foreign-language teachers cause for rejoicing. The projections indicate that the number of students enrolling in languages such as German and French that once were among the most popular foreign languages will continue to fall.

Richard I. Brod, director of foreign-language programs at the M.L.A., said last week that about 50 per cent of 1,500 four-year

institutions have thus far reported on their enrollments for the fall of 1977. Projections of the returns to date indicate the following trends (comparisons are with enrollments in the fall of 1974):

► Projected enrollments in Spanish are up 5 per cent; in ancient Greek, up 2.7 per cent; and in less-taught languages such as Japanese and Arabic, up 5.5 per cent.

► Enrollments are expected to fall most sharply in German—down 11 per cent. Smaller declines are projected in Russian, down 7.5 per cent; in Latin, down 6 per cent; in Italian, down 2.6 per cent; and in French, down 1.5 per cent.

While final figures will not be available until the spring, Mr. Brod said: "It appears that the decline in foreign-language enrollments has bottomed out."

Why enrollments in individual languages are rising or declining is the subject of speculation.

Observers attribute at least part of the increase in Ancient Greek, for example, to

recent moves by classics departments to offer courses on Greek literature in translation or on Greek civilization.

They attribute the increases in Spanish at least in part to the growing number of jobs that require contact with American citizens whose native language is Spanish. One estimate by the Bureau of the Census says there are 7.8 million Americans for whom Spanish is the first language.

The observers attribute the declines in French and German to general changes in American attitudes on the importance of Europe as an economic and cultural force.

The projections for 1977 do not include two-year colleges, Mr. Brod said, since too few returns have been received to estimate enrollments in those institutions.

The drops in foreign-language enrollments began in the late 1960's, as many colleges and universities abandoned course requirements and as new subjects competed for space in the undergraduate curriculum.

—MALCOLM G. SCULLY

## RESEARCH TOOLS IN BALTIC STUDIES

(1364)

Research Tools in Baltic Studies is a survey recently funded by the Research Materials Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, an agency created and supported by the Congress of the United States. The grant is administered by the University of Wisconsin-Madison which is sharing the cost of the project. The project is directed by Valters Nollendorfs (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and co-directed by Ilse Lehiste (Ohio State University) and V. Stanley Vardys (University of Oklahoma).

By "research tools" is meant a variety of source and information materials aiding research. The project lists, among others, bibliographies, data collections, critical editions, encyclopedias, archive and library catalogues. The survey will take stock of existing research tools and evaluate them as to their usefulness and accessibility, as well as establish priorities for the creation of new research tools.

The results of the survey will be used by the Research Materials Program of the NEH to determine priorities in awarding research grants. The survey should also help researchers establish their own goals, facilitate research in the Baltic area, and make research materials accessible to scholars in related fields. The results of the project will be published.

To provide widest possible input, the project is trying to reach both scholars specifically dealing with the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) and scholars from related areas (Scandinavian Studies, Soviet Studies, East European Studies, Polish, and Finnish Studies, etc.) whose interest in the Baltic is more general. All humanistic and social studies disciplines in these areas will be surveyed. Survey questionnaires will be sent to members of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies and other organizations directly involved in Baltic Studies. Colleagues from related disciplines who have an interest in the Baltic and would be willing to provide their expertise to the project are asked to write immediately to: Research Tools in Baltic Studies, 812 Van Hise, 1220 Linden Drive, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI 53706. Telephone (608) 262-9747.

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